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U.S. Forest Service Alaska Roadless Rule Committee:

I worked as Chief Legislative Assistant to Senator Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, so I know about the impact of roads on forest lands, and the various issues involved. But I'm writing in strong support of the 'no action' alternative to leave the Roadless Rule unchanged in Alaska.

Changes to the rule would lead to greatly expand clear-cut logging of old growth timber and costly road building in undeveloped, wild areas of both the Tongass and Chugach Forests.

Our fisheries and wild forests are critical to the economy of Alaska. To grow these sectors of our economy, we need intact habitat. Please leave the Alaska Roadless Rule in place.

Sincerely,

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